

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 21 January 2010 at 7.30 pm
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

Present: Cllrs Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Kirby, Ryde, Tyrer, Borough Cllr Sherras,
Clerk

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting of 19 November 2009

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2009 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed. There was no meeting in December 2009.

Police Report

CSO Susan Hartley attended the meeting and provided an update on police calls received for the previous month. It was noted that parking on the grass verge opposite the Auction Mart on market days remained a problem despite several notifications to the police. CSO Hartley explained that the police could not always attend promptly upon notification as other calls requiring attention could have been received which may need to be prioritised.

Clerk's Report (Verbal)

The Clerk advised that her report essentially concerned the Parish Lengthsman which would be dealt with later in the Agenda.

Financial Statement

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| Deposit Account | £2,182.14 |
| Current Account | £1,681.39 |
| Skipton BS Account | £11,555.95 |

Accounts for Approval

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| Mr Brian Kearsley | (Lengthsman) | £231.00 |
| Mrs Cathy Holmes | (Clerk) | £100.00 |

Parish Lengthsman

The meeting was advised that Brian Kearsley had tendered his resignation as lengthsman as he had obtained another job and would be leaving at the end of January 2010.

The Clerk explained that she had spoken to Dave Oyston at Lancs CC about the situation and he did not know of anyone currently looking for lengthsman work. The Clerk also advised that she had obtained the details of the lengthsman of Bolton-by-Bowland parish in case he was interested in extra hours. A letter had been received from a contractor looking for extra grass cutting work and the Clerk had made enquiries of a Parish Council that currently used this person for lengthsman work but the report received had not been particularly favourable.

It was agreed that the Bolton-by-Bowland lengthsman be approached in the first instance and the situation revisited at the next meeting in February.

Correspondence/Items for information

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from RVBC advising of the grass cutting costs for the next financial year which totalled £675.28 (inc VAT). It was explained that this cost was only for the cutting of the Recreation Ground since the Parish Council had assumed responsibility for the smaller areas of grass which the lengthsman had managed. In the circumstances it was agreed that the costs should be approved but that enquiries be made as to whether RVBC could again assume responsibility for the smaller grassed areas and what the cost of cutting these would be.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had been copied in on a letter from Rimington PC sent to Lancs CC advising of the construction of new fences without gates or stiles across two footpaths which were actually in Gisburn parish.

The Clerk advised that two letters had been received from Giles Bridge, one on behalf of the Festival Hall Committee and one on behalf of the Playing Fields Association.

The Festival Hall Committee wished the Parish Council to contribute to the repairs required to the Hall's boundary wall with Bentlea Road for which an estimate had been received of £400.00. It was agreed that as the Parish Council were the owners of the Hall that the costs of repair in this instance should be met in full by the Parish Council.

The letter on behalf of the Playing Fields Association was requesting financial assistance from the Parish Council towards the cutting of the grass of the play area both in the short term and longer term. It was agreed that there were various difficulties inherent in the Parish Council assuming responsibility for the grass cutting and that the situation regarding making any financial contribution also needed investigating further. It was further agreed that it would not be sensible to make any decision on the matter without first being able to see the Association's accounts and also having the opportunity to discuss the matter further with Giles Bridge. The Clerk was asked to invite Giles Bridge to the next Parish Council meeting in order to progress the matter further.

Any Other Business

It was noted that two new brown signs for Stirk House Hotel had appeared on the A59 and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to whether these had official approval and appropriate consents.

It was noted that nothing further had been heard from RVBC's Planning Department about The Cash Cow. It was further noted that the planning application in respect of additional lodges at Ribblesdale Park had not yet been to Planning Committee.

Peter Ryde advised the meeting of the Agenda for the Parish Council's Liaison Committee meeting at the end of the month.

The meeting was advised that the new Christmas lights had received a favourable response and it was suggested that perhaps additional lights be obtained for Christmas 2010.

It was agreed that the number of advertising boards and signs around the village was excessive and that enquiries should be made of RVBC and Lancs CC as to what action could be taken to improve the situation.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18 February 2010 at 7.30 pm